

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, between line 4 and 5, directly after the title, please insert the following paragraph:

-- This is the U.S. national stage of International application **PCT/DE2004/002760**, filed December 13, 2004 designating the United States and claiming the benefit of German application DE10359828.6, filed December 12, 2003, which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety. --

On page 1, please delete line 8.

On page 1, between lines 9 and 10, please insert:

-- FIELD OF THE INVENTION --

On page 1, between lines 13 and 14, please insert:

-- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --

On page 2, between lines 27 and 28, please insert:

-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --

On page 17, between lines 9 and 10, please insert:

-- DESCRIPTION OF VARIOUS AND PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS OF THE

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